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National Intelligence Officers

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the DCI
FROM: [REDACTED]
National Intelligence Officer for China
SUBJECT: John Dizard, Forbes Magazine

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1. On or about 14 May at 2130 hours in the evening, one John Dizard, a staff writer for Forbes Magazine, phoned me at home from New York. He said he knew of me through [REDACTED] and he mentioned he had earlier talked with [REDACTED]. He also mentioned Mort Abramowitz of ISA. He said he was doing a piece for Forbes Magazine on Chinese attempts to obtain defense related equipment and technology from the West and then proceeded to ask me a number of questions which I attempted to answer in general terms drawing on published material. He asked such questions as: How were the Chinese using the Spey engines, was it the Chinese who pressed the inquiry on the C-141, what sort of equipment were the Chinese getting from other countries and were they circumventing COCOM regulations? Dizard was quite aggressive and talked for a long time. He said he was coming to Washington the next week and asked if he could see me. I suggested that he give me a call when he got to Washington.

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2. I later checked with [REDACTED] who said he did not personally know Dizard but that Dizard had phoned him on this subject. [REDACTED] said he had turned Dizard off. [REDACTED] volunteered that he knew Dizard and that Dizard had talked with him on the same subject. [REDACTED] said that Dizard tapes his phone conversations so one had to be careful.

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3. I have not heard from Dizard since the phone call and do not plan to have anything more to do with him.

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